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***Intersection crash prompts stoplight hopes***

**Another accident at the intersection of Routes 360 and 200 in Burgess Friday underlined the need for a stoplight at the busy intersection. The Virginia Department of Transportation has told the Northumberland board of supervisors that a light is scheduled to go up there later this fall, but this week residency administrator Sean Trapani alerted county administrator Kenneth D. Eades that progress has been slowed by red tape. Right-of-way limitations and utility easement conflicts are sending VDOT designers back to the drawing boards. Furthermore, VDOT's signal contractor is hung up in a contract dispute, stalling any hope of installation until spring, Trapani said.** (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

# Lancaster public school division begins search for superintendent

**by Joan McBride**

PITTMAN'S CORNER—Virginia School Board Association executive director Dr. Frank Barham led the Lancaster school board last Monday in a two-hour crash course on how to hire a new school superintendent when the current superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore leaves the division next summer.

"You are not required to do a search," he said. The board could promote someone already in the system, "for educational, political, and financial reasons."

"Anyone in the school system should automatically get an interview," said Barham. It's good personal practice, good for morale in the division, and is a professional courtesy.

At the end of the intense session, the board announced that as of that day, October 23, the superintendent's position was open. Surveys seeking public input on the desired qualities and abilities of the candidate will be distributed, and a public hearing is scheduled for November 28 at 6 p.m. in the middle school media center.

Applications will be accepted for the position until January 12, with interviews planned for February and March, and the final decision expected before the end of March.

A former superintendent, Barham told the board his job was "to raise your knowledge about this position."

He stressed how the board members should protect themselves.

"Destroy any handwritten notes on any applicants," his assistant Gina Patterson strongly advised the board. "All handwritten notes are subject to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act]."

"Part of my job is to keep you legal during all this," Barham added.

The association executive went on to explain that one of the benefits of using the VSBA in hiring a superintendent is that the association could hire a detective or chief of police to find things out about prospective candidates.

"The detective can get in and get out and nobody knows they've been there," he added.

Although Barham said the state maintains a list of more than 800 people licensed to be superintendents, "the list has many names who are dead, literally or physically," he confided.

He added that what VSBA offers a division is help with the process of hiring and performing the reference checks. The fee for the service is $5,000 plus about $1,600 or $1,700 in advertising expenses.

The association duo led the board back and forth through a one-inch thick comprehensive

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# Planners urge board to approve proposed utility line extension

**by Joan McBride**

LANCASTER—On October 19, the Lancaster planning commission recommended the county supervisors amend the comprehensive plan to allow for Kilmarnock water and wastewater treatment lines to be extended to the proposed Wiley Childcare and Development Center on the south side of Harris Road.

"I think that children and child development is so important and there is a huge lack of it in Lancaster County," said commission member Tara Booth.

Virginia Quality Life (VQL) owns the building which formerly housed the YMCA and Oakwood Fitness Center.

"It would mean an awful lot to us at VQL," said spokesman Doug Monroe.

Tom Harris said the facility would be a help in the area. Citizens Charles Chase and Charles Costello urged the commissioners to recommend the amendment to the county supervisors.

In other business, Donald Briggs, superintendent of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, told commissioners the program's two aims were a partnership to develop the trail network between the feds and the states and to develop a physical network for use by bicyclists, cross-country skiers, hikers, horseback riders, and for educational purposes.

The national trail system was begun in 1968, and now boasts 24 national trails.

Congress authorized the development of the Potomac Heritage trail in 1983 stipulating that the Secretary of the Interior could do the design work for the trail which connects the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Briggs told the commissioners he is working with the Northern Neck Planning District Commission to see how it would look in the Northern Neck plus King George and Stafford counties.

"If we designate where we want it to be and you adopt it, how do we go about making it happen?" asked commission chairman David Jones.

Briggs told the commission that a governmental entity can only designate something if it is in the local plan. He also stipulated that the trail will be only for walking or biking; there can be no motorized vehicles on it.

## Police Reports

**Lancaster County Sheriff Ronnie Crockett** reported charges were brought against four individuals last week.

Kenneth W. Bohannon, 25, of Hartfield was charged October 21 for (felony) eluding police and drunk driving, following a vehicle pursuit in the White Stone-Topping area.

A Light Street woman, 45, was charged October 17 with curse and abuse on October 13.

A Conaway Lane man, 30, was charged October 18 for two counts of issuing bad checks between April 12 and April 25.

A River Road man, 32, was charged October 19 for domestic assault and battery on October 1.

**Northumberland County Sheriff Wayne Middleton** reported charges were brought against 18 individuals last week.

Justin Marston, 22, of Callao was charged October 16 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Robert H. Mahan Jr., 28, of Heathsville was charged October 18 with a probation violation.

Robert A. Crawley, Jr., 37, of Hague was charged October 18 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Norman Lecon Clarke, 32, of Richmond was charged October 19 with a Circuit Court probation violation.

Jevon Antel Rich, 25, was charged October 21 with entering a dwelling in the nighttime with intent to commit a larceny and a misdemeanor charge of appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

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# Three seek position of County Treasurer

*In advance of the November 7 election, the Rappahannock Record has posed questions to the three candidates for Lancaster County Treasurer. The candidates are Lindy Grigsby, Bonnie Haynie and F. W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr.*

### Duties of the County Treasurer

As chief custodian of the county's finances, the treasurer is an integral part of a check-and-balance system on money flowing both in and out of county government. It is a position of great authority and responsibility requiring a person of sufficiently trustworthy character.

The many duties include receipt of all monies belonging to the county from whatever source derived including state funds and county taxes. Additionally, the position is accountable for payment, application or disbursement of those funds consistent with constituted law and for maintaining lists on delinquent taxes, calculating penalties and interest due.

Because the treasurer is responsible for investing the funds, substantial revenue may be realized by prudent management of investments.

As the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks maintaining county funds, the treasurer keeps records of all deposits and withdrawals and reconciles all bank statements to assure their accuracy and the safety of county funds.

The treasurer keeps an accounting of all funds and reports to the county and state auditor.

### Candidate biographies

Lindy Grigsby

**Grigsby** is a member of an early Lancaster County family with a long history of public service to the county.

She is a supporter and former Hospice volunteer, as well as volunteer for Relay for Life. She is a member and vice chairman of the Lancaster County School Board. She also has been a board member of the Community Planning Management Team since 2003.

Her work experience includes working for the sheriff's office and as an educator. She also managed the Lancaster Tavern taking care of all aspects of the business. Currently, she is employed by Chesapeake Bank, which has given her the opportunity to further her education in banking and finance.

She has two children, a married daughter, Jenny, and a son, Matthew, a student at Lancaster High School. They attend Morattico Baptist Church.

Bonnie Haynie

**Haynie** currently works for the county administration office as the accounts administrator and has done so for the last 8 ½ years. This involves the accounts payable, payroll, budgeting and general ledger maintenance.

She works with the treasurer's office on a regular basis while processing the expenses and any adjustments that need to be made to the budget. She also works with Social Services and the school board offices to coordinate the payment of certain expenditures.

She also was instrumental in the set up of the computer software that is used by the administration offices in the courthouse. The software is integrated with the treasurer's office. She has made several changes to her position as the accounts administrator for increased efficiency and productivity.

Haynie moved to Lancaster County in 1992 from Rome, N.Y. Prior to her move, she worked for Madison-Oneida Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the central business office as a senior account clerk.

Haynie lives in Corrotoman-By-The-Bay with her husband, Norman, and her children, Marissa and Jamie. She is the daughter of Dick Dickson of Taylor's Creek. She is a member of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. She volunteers her time with Girl Scout Troop 456 and Cub Scout Pack 222.

F.W. "Butch" Jenkins Jr.

**Jenkins** is the chairman of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors. He is in his fourth term and has been elected chairman six times.

In addition to his work on the board, Jenkins also has served as the treasurer of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, chairman of Virginia's River Country and on the board of the Bay Area Consortium Private Industry Council.

He was appointed by Gov. Gilmore to the Governor's Economic Development Advisory Task Force. He was recognized by the Virginia State Senate for work on the Rappahannock River Basin Commission on which he was the vice chairman. He has served as the chairman of the county finance committee and is a former member of the Community Reinvestment Advisory Board of the Bank of Lancaster.

Jenkins also has served as chairman of the Lancaster County Social Services Board, as a member of the Lancaster planning commission, and he is a former director of emergency services for the county.

Prior to returning home to Lancaster in the late 1980s, Jenkins worked in the banking industry, primarily with United Virginia Bank where he held the position of vice president for banking services. In that position, he was responsible for operational management

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## A Closer Look

**by Jane Tims**

Before my neighbors Bob and Donna Guthrie left for the four-day retirement of the Navy's F-14 Tomcat in Virginia Beach in late September, Bob read through his old log book chronicling every flight, plane, and RIO, or radar intercept officer, in his 15-year career.

The review helped. The RIOs were at the reunion, and he called them by name. Responsible for everything behind them in the spectacular fighter plane, and plotting everything within 400 miles of the carrier, they sat behind Guthrie and called him Arlo.

"The RIO was like having another set of eyeballs, another brain," said Guthrie, drinking coffee from his Tophatters mug. "These guys were extraordinary, flying at twice the speed of sound upside down, and they probably saved my life two or three times. We had a close relationship."

At Donna's suggestion, he tracked them down and told them how much he appreciated them, what fun it had been, and how good they were.

Grumman turned out the sexy Tomcat in 1970. It had two of everything – two radios, two navigation systems, two motors, even two tails; but it had only one stick, and the only way to learn to use it was to use it.

Son of an Air Force fighter pilot, and an A-4 Skyhawk instructor when knighted to fly the F-14, Guthrie recalls his first Tomcat flight or "flip-flop" at Miramar Naval Station in San Diego in 1975. Lt. Cmdr. Warner briefed him from the front, flew 30 minutes, then landed and exchanged seats. Guthrie was 27; the plane cost $33 million. He had never touched that stick, never known the Gs, the heat, the smell or the roar of the real thing.

"It was like being a rock star on stage for the first time. I saw my whole naval career flash in front of my eyes. In 10 seconds you're on the water, you pull the nose up and go to 10,000 feet. Warner says, 'You okay?' I say, 'Wonderful.' I was completely wet with sweat."

Guthrie thanked Warner at the gathering of 2,500 pilots, RIOs, Grumman designers and squadron mechanics who came to honor that airplane and relive their roles in its 36-year career.

***"Being an F-14 pilot was like being a 27-year-old with the fastest sports car in the world on a long, straight track. They give you a credit card and tell you not to bring back any gas."***

In its time, the F-14 was the biggest, fastest, most maneuverable plane alive. Versatility stemmed from swing wings that moved from 23 to 68 degrees, changing its wingspan from 64 to 34 feet. It carried 65,000 pounds, loaded, and was the heaviest plane to fly off a carrier.

"Being an F-14 pilot was like being a 27-year-old with the fastest sports car in the world on a long, straight track. They give you a credit card and tell you not to bring back any gas," said Guthrie, who left the Navy for American Airlines.

"It was a carnival ride. You'd go straight up, then edge through little holes. I loved to go around the edges of a thunderstorm. To train students, we'd put them behind us, tell them to follow us and then try to lose them. Even now in the Triple 7s I see one of those cauliflower thunderclouds and think about all that."

As we saw in "Top Gun," however, the Tomcat's engines could stall, initiating a perpetual and fatal spin. Lost were 25 planes and 35 guys. But the demise of the plane was maintenance, requiring 50 hours of land repair for every flight hour. Age, relentless carrier landings and 40 miles of delicate wiring took their toll. The F-18 Super Hornet steps in.

"It's bittersweet," said Guthrie, who spent 2,000 peacetime hours in the Tomcat, strapping in roughly 1,000 times with 700 traps or arrested landings during two nine-month tours on the John F. Kennedy.

"All the people I flew with 30 years ago I will never see again. We won't be able to enhance the sea stories that have grown over the years."

In a poignant moment at the sunset ceremony, with everyone in bleachers on the runway, the last airplane made its last kneel in tribute to everyone involved with the F-14. Then the pilot took off for the Air and Space Museum in Washington.

"You know you're on your final approach when the airplane you flew can only be found at a museum or on a concrete pedestal in front of an air base," said Guthrie. Permanent, though, are the memories, as fresh as though they'd happened this morning.

# Reflections

*by*
*John Howard Farmer*
*pastor, Irvington Baptist Church*

## Last things

The biblical last things are death, judgment, heaven and hell. No one escapes the formula.

At our death we are separated from our mortal bodies and our immortal souls. It is the result of original sin as told in the Old Testament story of the Garden of Eden. It was the issue of knowing right from wrong and choosing to elect a wrong response to God. Thus, the whole of our existence, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or punished for the evil that we have done in this life.

The beauty of being a Christian is that Jesus intercedes on our behalf, acknowledges our guilt, but remembers that we are saved by his grace and that he has already forgiven us. He has done that which we could not do for ourselves.

So, at the moment of our death, we are judged by God based on our conduct in this life and go immediately to our reward or punishment. Moreover, at the end of the world Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. At that time, God's whole plan for the world shall be revealed and his mercy and justice demonstrated. He will deliver a new heaven and a new earth for the delight of those he has chosen, those who've chosen him. Together, we will live in him and in a place he has prepared for us.

What's that place like? While the Bible is descriptive, all words pale by comparison with the wonders and beauty of heaven. Heaven is the eternal state of perfect happiness resulting from the face-to-face vision of God, which is the reward of those who have served him and accepted him in this life. It is both a place and an experience. We who followed him in eternal salvation will exist in his presence for time beyond calendar or clock. It can't be earned. It has to be bought with a currency we do not possess. It is bought with the blood of Jesus.

**Smithland Baptist**
**Heathsville, VA**

Hell is the state of torment, despair and destruction which awaits those who in this life have freely rejected God and the happiness which Christ offers. It is in fact an existence outside and apart from the love of Christ. Those who do not choose life over death are cast into the Lake of Fire and perish.

Note here that the New Testament teaches that only the Devil and his angels (messengers) are in an ever-burning fire. Others, like grass thrown on a fire, simply burn up and vanish. The worst part of it might be just knowing where, when, how we are going to be separated from God and from those whom we have loved in this life, and those now gone on before.

Therefore it behooves all of us to get to an altar, profess to some minister of God, even to God himself, that we accept our eternal fate and choose to place ourselves under the mantel of Jesus dying on that old rugged cross. We are invited to accept him as our personal Lord and Savior and begin working out our own salvation as he holds open the door. He changes from Jesus, the Christ and the Lord, to my Jesus, my Christ, my Lord. It becomes a personal relationship of magnanimous importance.

Jesus demonstrated last things in the example of his death and the tender care which he professed for his mother. He appeared a last time to the disciples to equip them for ministry.

On our recent western parks trip, we were daily confronted by someone telling us that we were the last to do this and that. We were at the tail-end of the season and doors, experiences, venues, were closing as we traversed the route. We got to joking about it: "That's the last time anyone will do that this year."

Want a better life? Turn yours over to Christ. After that, begin to treat each hour, each week, as if it were your last. Stay in the shadow of the Cross.

Treat those with whom God has yoked you, by birth, marriage or choice, as if you might not ever see them again. Adopt a loving, forgiving endurance with family, friends and foe, an attitude that values whatever time there is left for sharing your love.

Life is fragile, time is fleeting, and when they are spent there is no looking back, no way to undo the moments, the decisions, we've matured. Years ago a chap named Kelly weighed in on what really matters. He formed a movement known as Make Today Count.

I may never see you again, never write to you about my life, family and friends. One wiser than me penned the lines. I may never pass this way again.

Count your blessings, profess your sins, and accept salvation through Jesus the Christ. Know that you are in his kingdom. Our lives are a gift from God. Let's all start to live like we believe it.

Share your faith so that all those around us might know of his perfect will and his desire to have us with him always.

## BAPTIST

**Beulah Baptist**
4448 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-5000
Rev. Ronald Dunaway, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

**Bethany Baptist Church**
Rt. 360, Callao
804-529-6890
Rev. Kori Kiss
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer

**Calvary Baptist**
490 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1052
**Sunday, October 29:**
8:45 a.m., Church School
10 a.m., Devotions
10:15 a.m., Worship with Communion
7 p.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7 FM
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

**Claybrook Baptist**
2242 Weems Road,
Weems; 438-5570
Rev. Stephen Turner, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Evening Worship
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m. Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Coan Baptist**
Heathsville; 580-2751
Rev. Robert Lee Farmer, Minister
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Tuesday, October 31:**
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Mtg.
7:45 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Corrottoman Baptist**
48 Ottoman Ferry Road, Ottoman
462-5674; Land deeded 1834
Dr. Ray P. Goude, Sr., Interim Pastor
**Thursday, October 26:**
10 a.m., Exercise Group
**Saturday, October 28:**
6 p.m., Fall Festival
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for All Ages
11 a.m., Morning Worship
11 a.m., Children's Church
7 p.m., Youth Meeting
**Monday, October 30:**
4 p.m., Exercise Group
**Tuesday, October 31:**
4:00 p.m., Exercise Group
**Wednesday, November 1:**
4 p.m., Exercise Group
7:00 p.m., Prayer/Bible Study

**Fairfields Baptist**
15213 Northumberland Hwy., Burgess
453-3530
www.fairfieldsbaptist.org
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

**Friendship Baptist**
Hartfield
Pastor McKibbon
693-5503
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery is provided
**Wednesday, November 1:**
6 p.m., Prayer Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

**Harmony Grove Baptist**
Routes 3 and 33, Topping; 758-5154
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
Nursery provided, 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
7 p.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

**Hartswell Baptist**
10559 River Road,
Lancaster; 462-0845
Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Prayer & Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship

**Irvington Baptist**
53 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6971; John Howard Farmer
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School Assembly
10 a.m., Bible Classes
11 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
12 noon, Women's AA
7 p.m., Fellowship and Sharing

**Kilmarnock Baptist**
65 East Church Street
Kilmarnock; 435-1703
Bill and Mary Dell Sigler, Pastors
**Thursday, October 26:**
4 p.m., RBA Fall Mtg. (Oak Grove BC)
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
**Friday, October 27:**
2:15 p.m., WMU hosted Birthday Party for Lancashire, at Lancashire
**Saturday, October 28:**
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Children's Fall Festival
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Opening Assembly
11 a.m., Worship Service
12 noon Coffee Hour
After Church Youth Activities
2 p.m., Cub Scout Pack #242
**Monday, October 30:**
5:30 p.m., Exercise Group
6 p.m., Music Team Rehearsal
7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop #242
**Tuesday, October 31:**
6:45 a.m., Handbell Rehearsal
**Wednesday, November 1:**
10 a.m., Gurley Girls Mtg.
4:30 p.m., Youth Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m., Worship and Fellowship Supper
7 p.m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Lighthouse Baptist**
Independent
7022 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church,
435-2435
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship/Children's Church
6 p.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal afterward
Nursery Provided for all Services

**Maple Grove Baptist**
Windmill Point Road, Foxwells
Richard C. Newlon, Minister
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

**Morattico Baptist**
924 Morattico Church Road,
Kilmarnock; 435-3623
Rev. Craig Smith, Pastor
Organized January 7, 1778
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

**Mount Vernon Baptist**
269 James Wharf Road
White Stone; 435-1272
Rev. Robert H. Sutherland Jr., Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship

**New Friendship Baptist**
Burgess (Elevator access)
Rev. Steve Taylor, Pastor, 453-4235
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:15 a.m., Coffee, juice and doughnuts
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
7 p.m., Bible Study
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Bible Study
8 p.m., Adult Choir Practice

**New Hope Baptist**
2596 Walmsley Road
Lottsburg, VA
Rev. Aaron Kirchhefer, Pastor
529-9223
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:15 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Service
8 p.m., Choir Practice

**Northern Neck Baptist**
280 Hampton Hall Hwy.
Callao, VA 529-6310
Rev. Ken Overby, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship
6 p.m., Evening Service
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting

**New St. John's Baptist**
Kilmarnock
Rev. Dwight Johnson, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Church Service
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

**Queen Esther Baptist**
7228 River Road, Lancaster; 462-7780
Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

**Second Baptist**
34 Wellford Wharf Road
Warsaw, VA 22572 333-4280
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Worship Service
**Thursday, November 2:**
7 p.m., Bible Study

**Sharon Baptist**
1413 Lumberlost Road,
Weems; 438-6659
Rev. Rodney D. Waller, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Power Hour
11 a.m., Morning Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
1 p.m., Mid-day Bible Study
7 p.m., Evening Bible Study

**Smithland Baptist**
1047 Walnut Point Road
Heathsville; 580-2843
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

**White Stone Baptist**
517 Chesapeake Drive
Dr. W. Dennis Martin, Pastor
White Stone: 435-1413
wsbc@kaballero.com
**Sunday, October 29:**
Nursery Provided at 9:45 & 11 a.m.
9:30 a.m., Church Library open
9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m., Worship Service
Canned Goods Sunday
End of Daylight Savings Time
**Monday, October 30:**
7 p.m., Boy Scouts Meeting
**Wednesday, November 1:**
11 a.m., WMU Meeting
7 p.m., Deacons Meeting

**Willie Chapel Baptist**
510 Merry Point Road,
462-5500; Rev. Michael Reed, Pastor
Rose Curry, Associate Minister
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Prayer and Praise
11:30 a.m., Worship with Communion
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7:30 p.m., Bible Study

## CATHOLIC

**St. Francis de Sales Catholic**
151 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor
**Mass Schedule**
**Saturday, October 28:**
4-4:40 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 p.m., Saturday Vigil
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:15 Confirmation Class
11 a.m., Mass
**Monday-Friday**
9 a.m., Mass
**Tuesday, October 31:**
4-5:15 p.m. Religious Education-(K-6)

**St. Michael the Archangel Chapel**
**Roman Catholic**
Weems, VA 804-438-9408
www.stdominicchapel.com
Tridentine Latin Mass (pre-Vatican II)
The Most Rev. Robert L. Neville, Pastor
Mass schedule varies
Call for schedule and other information

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Tibitha Church of God**
991 Fleeton Road, Reedville
453-4972;
Rev. Steven P. Hency, Pastor
Home Phone 453-3231
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Worship
11 a.m., Sunday School
7 p.m., Study Group
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting and children's activities

**Warsaw Church of God**
15 Church Lane, Warsaw
333-4951; Rev. Danny Deuell Sr.
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Worship

## EPISCOPAL

**Grace Episcopal**
303 South Main Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-1285
The Rev. David H. May, Rector
**Sunday, October 29:**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m., Christian Education for all
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
**Wednesday, November 1:**
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

**St. Mary's Episcopal**
3020 Fleeton Road, Fleeton, 453-6712
The Rev. Warren A. Schaller, Jr., Rector
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Adult Bible Study
11 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Holy Eucharist
**Thrift Shop:**
Open Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
108 Fairport Rd., Reedville
453-4830

**St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal**
5940 White Chapel Road, Lancaster
462-5908; Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
Office Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Guided tours by appointment
**Sunday, October 29:**
11:15 a.m., Worship Service

**St. Stephen's Episcopal**
**(Anglican Communion Network)**
6853 Northumberland Highway,
Heathsville; 580-4555
Rev. Jeffrey O. Cerar, Rector
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Holy Eucharist, coffee follows
9:50 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
**Thrift Shop:**
Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Trinity Episcopal**
8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster
Rev. Scott Krejci, Interim Rector
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
9:30-11 a.m., Sunday School for children

**Wicomico Parish**
5191 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Wicomico Church; 580-6445
Rev. W. Scott Dillard, Rector
**Sunday, October 29:**
8 a.m., Communion, breakfast follows
10 a.m., Sunday School with nursery
10 a.m., Communion
11 a.m., Coffee Hour
**Wednesday, November 1:**
10 a.m., Healing Service, Communion
**Thrift Shop:**
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wed., Fri., Sat.

**St. James Anglican/Episcopal**
Rt. 14 at 626, Mathews County
Rev. William T. Kump, 757-244-7955
e-mail: wtkump@juno.com
1928 Prayer Book, 1940 Hymnal
www.stjamesapa.org
**Sunday, October 29:**
**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
10 a.m., Exploring the Bible (Study)
9:15 a.m., Early Worship
11 a.m., Morning Worship and Sermon
Child Care Provided
**Wednesday, November 1:**
6 p.m., Supper and Prayer at Abingdon Glebe

## LUTHERAN

**Apostles Lutheran**
Main Street, Gloucester; 693-9098
**Sunday October 29:**
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Good Shepherd Lutheran**
2 miles North of Callao on Hwy. 202
Callao; C-529-5948, H-529-9930
Rev. Michael Ramming, Pastor
pastormikeramming@yahoo.com
goodshepherdlcmscallaova@verizon.net
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Worship, Youth Sunday School
10 a.m., Coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
**Wednesday, November 1:**
12 noon, Bag Lunch Bible Study

**Living Water Lutheran Church (ELCA)**
429 E. Church St. 435-6650
www.livingwaterchapel.org
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Worship

**Trinity Lutheran**
Woman's Club Building, Virginia Street
Urbanna; 758-4257
Luther Baugham, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Worship

## METHODIST

**Afton United Methodist**
5130 Hacks Neck Road
Ophelia; 453-3770
Rev. Brant Hays
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

**Asbury United Methodist**
Foxwells; Rev. Thomas W. Oder
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Worship

**Bethany United Methodist**
454 Main Street, Reedville, 453-3282;
bethumc@crosslink.net
Rev. Dr. Donna McEwan, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time

**Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist**
Rev. Robert O. Jones, Jr., Pastor
462-5790 (Elevator Available)
Website www.beumc.org
**Thursday, October 26:**
6 p.m., Bell Choir practice at Bethel
**Saturday, October 28:**
5 & 6:30 p.m., Shrimp Dinner at Bethel.....Tickets must have been purchased in advance
**Sunday, October 29:**
***Bethel:***
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service
***Emmanuel:***
9:30 a.m., Worship Service
11 a.m., Sunday School
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., BEUMM Council meets

**Fairfields United Methodist**
14741 Northumberland Highway,
Burgess; 453-2631
Rev. Brant Hays
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Sunday School
9:45 a.m., Worship

**Galilee United Methodist**
747 Hull Neck Road,
Edwardsville; 580-7306
Rev. Vernell M. Carter, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship

**Heathsville United Methodist**
39 Courthouse Road, Heathsville
580-3630; James B. Godwin, Pastor:
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Worship

**Henderson United Methodist**
72 Henderson Drive, Callao
529-6769; Rev. Sue Ann Salmon
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School, all ages
11 a.m., Worship, traditional

**Irvington United Methodist**
26 King Carter Drive, Irvington
438-6800; Rev. John Durkovich
**Saturday, October 28:**
8 p.m., AA
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7:30 p.m., Choir

**Kilmarnock United Methodist**
89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock
435-1797; (Elevator access)
Rev. Deborah T. Marion, Pastor
**Thursday, October 26:**
8 p.m., AA - 11th Step meeting
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Tuesday, October 31:**
8 p.m., Al-Anon meeting
**Wednesday, November 1:**
10 a.m., Congregational Care
5:30 p.m., Dinner/Bible Study
6 p.m., Handbells
7 p.m., Choir

**Melrose United Methodist Church**
1317 Lewisetta Rd., Lottsburg
Pastor: Edna Moore, 529-6344
Parsonage: 529-7721
**Sunday, October 29:**
8:30 a.m., Worship Service
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship Service

**Rehoboth United Methodist Parish**
435-1792; Rev. Karen J. Sandoval
**Sunday, October 29:**
***Bluff Point***
11 a.m., Worship
Noon, Coffee Fellowship
***Mila***
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Sunday School
*Rehoboth*
9:45 a.m., Worship
10:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship
***Wicomico***
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
3:30 p.m., Choir-Bluff Point

**White Stone United Methodist**
118 Methodist Church Road,
White Stone; 435-3555
Rev. James W. Tinney, Pastor
Brenda Burtner, Music Director
**Saturday, October 28:**
8 a.m., Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Meeting
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Classes are also conducted for all
11 a.m., Worship Service
7:30 p.m., AA meeting
*Elevator available
**Monday, October 30:**
7:30 p.m., Building committee
**Wednesday, November 1:**
4 p.m., Grief Support Group
7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
**Thrift Shop:**
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Fri., Sat.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Campbell Memorial Presbyterian**
Rt. 222 (Weems Road),
In the Village of Weems, 438-6875;
The Rev. Terry A. Robertson, Interim Pastor
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-4
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Church School
11 a.m., Worship Service
Nursery provided during Worship
12 noon, Coffee Hour
**Monday, October 30:**
10 a.m., Pastor Robertson @ Camp Hanover
7 p.m., Weems Community Meeting in Fellowship Hall
**Wednesday, November 1:**
9:30 a.m., Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m., Come to the WELL
**Thursday, November 2:**
10:30 a.m., Bible Study w/Pastor Robertson

**Milden Presbyterian**
Sharps
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship with nursery

**St. Andrews Presbyterian**
435 East Church Street,
Kilmarnock; 435-3948
Website: saintandrewspc.org
Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Coye, Pastor
**Thursday, October 26:**
4:45 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship "But It's Not Fair" (John 18:28-32)
**Wednesday, November 1:**
4 p.m., Pastoral Assistants

**Wesley Presbyterian**
1272 Taylor Creek Rd.
Weems, 438-5853
Rev. M. P. White, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Worship
10:15 a.m., Sunday School
Children and Adult

## OTHER DENOMINATIONS

**Calvary Pentecostal**
John's Neck Road, Weems
438-5393; Thelma Jones, Pastor
7:45 a.m., Radio Broadcast, 101.7
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Praise and Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7:30 p.m., Worship

**Christian Science Society**
Lancaster Women's Building,
Route 3, Lancaster
**Sunday, October 29:**
10:30 a.m., Service and Sunday School

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# Obituaries

## Dorothy L. Bush

CALLAO—Dorothy L. Bush, 82, died October 15, 2006, at Torrance Memorial Hospital in Torrance, Calif.

Mrs. Bush was born September 25, 1924, to Howard B. Fisher and Hazel G. Winstead in Washington, D.C. She retired from Los Angeles Queen of Angels Hospital after 25 years in hospital admissions work.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Robert Bush, and her aunt, Ruth Richardson of Callao.

She is survived by four children, Robert Bush of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., the Rev. John Bush of Thousand Palms, Calif., Sharon Wilson of West Covina, Calif., and Christopher Bush of Rosemead, Calif.; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held October 25 at Bethany Baptist Church in Callao.

Jones-Ash Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## John C. Martin

KILMARNOCK—John Christopher Martin, 41, of Kilmarnock died October 23, 2006.

Mr. Martin was an automobile mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Holly Renea Martin; a daughter, Tracy Lynn Martin of Weems; his father, Robert Lawrence Martin of Williamsburg; three brothers, Robert Lawrence Martin Jr. and Wilbur Martin, both of Williamsburg, and Scotty Joe Martin of Tappahannock; and four sisters, Virginia Wilson of Georgia, Tiffany Wilson of Kilmarnock, Jeannie Martin of Tappahannock and Robin Martin of Georgia.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 26, at the Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock at 2 p.m. with pastor Wes Geiger officiating. Interment will be private.

## Andrew G. Thomas II

TOPPING—Andrew G. "J.B." Thomas II, 34, of Topping, died Saturday, October 14, 2006.

Mr. Thomas was the owner of Thomas Custom Painting.

He is survived by his wife, Ashley M. Thomas; two daughters, Kadyn Thomas and Nikki Duff; a son, Troy Duff; his father, Andrew G. Thomas, and his mother, Linda L. Thomas, both of Richmond; a brother, Travis Wayne Thomas of Highland Springs; a sister, Angela E. Thomas of Mechanicsville; and two nieces, Hailey and Mariah.

Memorial services were held October 19 at Bristow-Faulkner Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Saluda.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his 20-month-old daughter, Kadyn B. Thomas, c/o Citizens and Farmers Bank, P.O. Box 464, Saluda, VA 23149.

## ▼ Churches . . . (continued from page B2)

**1st and 3rd Wednesday**
7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting

**Church of Deliverance**
3734 Mary Ball Road, Lively; 462-0553
Rev. Donald O. Conaway, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
7 p.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study

**Cornerstone Fellowship**
2243 Buckley Hall Rd.
(corner of Rt. 3 & Rt. 198
Cobbs Creek, VA
Rev. Chris Morgan, Pastor
725-9145
www.gocfc.com
**Saturday, October 28:**
7 p.m., Worship
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Morning Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Midweek Service
Nursery, Children and Youth Ministry provided

**City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock**
Dreamfield
Irvington Road, Kilmarnock
Pastors Mike and Lesley Gates
804-761-1578
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m. Worship Service

**Holy Tabernacle of God**
Merry Point Road, Lancaster
Elder Nancy Pinn, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Morning Worship
Emergency Food Bank: Mon.-Fri: 11-3 p.m.,

**Hope Alive Christian Center**
149 Queen Street,
Tappahannock; 443-5165
Pete and Pam Sullivan, Pastors
**Thursday, October 26:**
6 p.m., Prayer
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
Noon, Prayer
7 p.m., Worship

**Love Makes a Difference**
Outreach Ministries
1027 Jessie duPont Memorial Highway
Burgess; 453-3939
Rev. Raymond C. & Gayle Boyd, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Hour of Prayer
10 a.m., Spiritual Enrichment
11 a.m., Worship
**Tuesday, October 31:**
7 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment
**Thursday, November 2:**
6 p.m., Spiritual Enrichment for Youth and Youth Adults
**Third Friday of every month**
7 p.m., Women of Virtue Fellowship

**New Life Ministries**
10177 Jessie DuPont Mem. Hwy.
462-3234 or 436-6498
Pastor C. Richard Lynn
**Sunday, October 29:**
9 a.m., Prayer
9:30 a.m., Fellowship
10 a.m., Worship Service
**Monday, October 30:**
7 p.m., Women's Bible Study
**Tuesday, October 31:**
7 p.m., Mid-week Bible Study
**Wednesday, November 1:**
6 p.m., Youth Music
7 p.m. Worship Team Practice

**Rappahannock Church of Christ**
9514 Richmond Road, Warsaw
333-9659; Walker Gaulding, Minister
**Sunday, October 29:**
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship
6:30 p.m., Worship
**Wednesday, November 1:**
7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Teaching

**Seventh-Day Adventist**
401 South Main Street, Kilmarnock
Clinton M. Adams, Pastor
804-443-3070/804-443-1821
**Thursday, October 26:**
7 p.m., Prayer Meeting
**Saturday, October 28:**
9 a.m., Worship Service
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School

**Shachah World Ministries of the Northern Neck**
Pastor Dean Carter
**Sunday, October 29:**
8 a.m., Worship @ Holy Tabernacle
**Thursday, November 2:**
7:30 p.m., Bible Study @ Holy Tabernacle

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
11650 Mary Ball Road
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Meeting
**Wednesday, November 1:**
6 p.m.-8 p.m., Genealogical Library Open to Public

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock**
Woman's Club of White Stone
560 Chesapeake Drive
White Stone
758-4790; L. Lowrey
www.uufrappahannock.uua.org
**Sunday, October 29:**
10:30 a.m., Worship

**Unity of the Chesapeake**
473 Timberneck Rd.
Deltaville, VA 776-9172, or 435-9553
www.centerforspiritualawareness.com
**Sunday, October 29:**
11 a.m., Streamed service from Detroit Unity.
12 noon, Luncheon
12:45 p.m., Meditation, Study Group "Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox
Non-denominational, for all ages

**Victory Temple Church**
1252 Morattico Road
Rev. Annie Gaskins, 462-5512
**Sunday, October 29:**
11 a.m., Sunday School
12 noon, Praise and Worship
7 p.m., Worship Service
**Friday, November 3:**
7 p.m., Bible Study

**White Stone Church of the Nazarene**
Family Life Center
57 Whisk Drive, White Stone
Office hours: Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
435-9886 OR 435-1165
Rev. Jim Jackson, Pastor
Rev. Brad Grinnen, Pastor
Rev. Jim Grinnen, Pastor
**Sunday, October 29:**
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Praise & Worship Service
Membership Sunday
Children's Church/Nursery Provided
6-7:30 p.m., A.F.T.E.R. God (Teens)
**Monday, October 30:**
6:45 p.m., First Place Weight Loss Program
**Tuesday, October 31:**
5:30-7:30 p.m., Harvest Festival
**Wednesday, November 1:**
6:15 p.m., Ladies' Bible Study

From left are Barbara Wheeler, Ed Zakaib and Marty Wilson.

# Nut sale continues

The Women of Grace Episcopal Church are selling peanuts and pecans.

The sale is a major fundraiser and a tradition. It enables the women to be active in their support of local, regional and worldwide mission organizations which provide services to those who are less fortunate, in need, or in crisis.

President Barbara Wheeler of the Women of Grace reports that the sale receipts provide donations to several local organizations.

On the state level, donations are made to the Covington Boys' Home, the Jackson Feilding Home for Girls, the St. Andrew's School Free Tuition Fund for Underprivileged Children in Oregon Hill, and the Adopt-a-Room project at a transitional house for newly released women prisoners in Goochland.

The nut sale fund also pays for continual, yearly sponsorship for one child's living expenses and education at "Our Little Roses" orphanage in Honduras. Through the Dominican Republic partnership ministry, the fund also covers the cost of a year's school tuition for an elementary student.

Nut sale chairman Marty Wilson said that the sale offers Virginia's Hubs peanuts and plain and chocolate Calhoun pecans from South Carolina. The selection is perfect for hostess gifts, party gifts, stocking stuffers, cooking and baking, sports enthusiasts, food-loving friends and relatives, and last minute gifts, Wilson said.

Order forms are available at Lancaster Community Library and many businesses in Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone, and at the Grace Church office Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Orders also may be placed by calling 435-6567, 435-6312, or 435-7001. November 5 is the order deadline.

# Answers on Aging

**I am a health and wellness nurse and, in my capacity, many seniors ask me for information regarding eating healthy foods on a limited income. Many of them have to choose between paying for medications and purchasing healthy, nutritious foods. Please share any ideas on this topic that may be of help to seniors.**

Proper nutrition as part of an active, healthy lifestyle is a key to successful aging. The following are some tips for low-cost, high-nutrition meals:

Grain millet is a very good source of B-vitamins, as well as protein, and is very cost effective.

Lentils, beans, and sunflower seeds are a great protein staple that cost pennies a serving and they make great pates and dips with whole-wheat pita or rice crackers.

Produce is inexpensive. Often times, organic bananas and apples are very economical. If a person focuses on obtaining carbohydrates from yams and squash, eating three fruits and three vegetables daily will ensure balanced nutrition while being able to monitor the budget. Consideration could be given to joining a bulk food buying club where food could be purchased at less expensive prices.

Canned fish and beans are very nutritious and affordable.

Try to shop in season; red peppers can be very expensive in February, but very reasonably priced in September.

Eating whole foods—vegetables, fruits, proteins, dairy products—high in nutritional value instead of packaged/processed food will be very filling and keep a person well-fed and nourished instead of over-fed and undernourished.

From another standpoint, there are ways your clients can find help for other resources which would allow some extra funds for food.

Medicare prescription drug program pays a portion of the cost for medications (especially for low-income) if your client is over 65.

Help with energy bills is available year-round for heating and cooling through Social Services and electric companies.

Your client may qualify for help with miscellaneous resources, depending upon his or her income, for financial assistance to help pay for medical bills through Medicaid, food stamps or other assistance programs.

Congregate meal programs are free of charge (or have a very low fee) and provide seniors with a nutritious, hot meal and an opportunity to socialize. There are also home-delivered meals available, such as, Meals on Wheels or other programs.

You can find listings for all of these programs by visiting www.seniornavigator.org.


"A higher source for parenting"
is the topic of this week's
Christian Science Sentinel Program
Now airing on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Tune in Sunday, October 29 on WKWI Bay 101.7 FM

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My name is Dave and I'm looking for my 'forever' home. I am a Golden mix and about 5 months old. I love my crate and sleep in it every night. I can also spend time in it if my person has to be away for reasonable periods of time. I am told that I am very 'mellow' and 'laid back' but since I'm so young a fenced yard would be wonderful for my exercise. I really like to play with people and other dogs. I am still learning the people rules about walking on leash and waiting at doorways. I just want to be with that special person for I'll always be their special companion.
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## *Heading to Peru*

**A work team of 12 headed by missions pastor Jeff Jackson of the White Stone Church of the Nazarene will travel to Pulcallpa, Peru, to work with missionaries Dr. Larry and Addie Garman. The team will build a wood church in the jungle near Pulcallpa and work in and around the city. Before returning home, they will visit the Inca Ruins of Machu Picchu. From left are, front row, Rick Balderson, Angie Jackson, Michelle Tucker, Natalie Jackson; next row, Meagan Jackson, Jack Watson, Jackson, Wayne Mullins, Lance Barton, Justin Parks and Pat Frere.**

# Church Notes

### ■ Color rally

On October 29 at 4 p.m., the Morning Star Baptist Church in Heathsville will have a Color Rally. The colors are red, white, or black. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Marvin Johnson of Maranatha Baptist Church in Colonial Beach along with choir and congregation.

### ■ Combined services

Three churches will combine for a fifth Sunday morning worship service at Queen Esther Baptist Church on October 29 at 11 a.m. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m., prayer and praise at 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Vaughan M. Cunningham of Queen Esther Baptist Church, the Rev. Bunnie C. Dunaway of Hartsville Baptist Church and the Rev. Rodney D. Walker of Sharon Baptist Church will participate. Dunaway and his choirs and ushers and deacons will be in charge.

### ■ Question

On Sunday, October 29, the Rev. Buffy Boke will speak at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock at 10:30 a.m. at 560 Chesapeake Drive in White Stone. Her subject will be "The Religious Quest." There is a religious impulse in human beings that impels us—in varying degrees—on a quest for truth and meaning.

Boke is minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula in Newport News.

### ■ Revivalists

City Worship Centre of Kilmarnock will host revivalists Bishops Wes and Donna Geiger October 29 and 30. Bishops Geiger have traveled to 14 nations preaching the word of God. They have recently returned from a mission trip to Nairobi, Kenya, and are preparing to go to the nations of Ghana, Togo and Benin in West Africa in November. The October 29 service is at 10 a.m. and the October 30 service will be at 7 p.m. at Dream Fields

### ■ Fall festival

Kilmarnock Baptist Church will have its Fall Festival Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be games, food and fun. Wear costumes and paint pumpkins, play games, trick or treat around the church and have lunch.

### ■ Missionary day

The New St. John Missionary Ministry will have its annual day Sunday, October 29.

At 11 a.m., the message will be rendered by first lady minister Madelyn Johnson. Repass will be directly after morning service.

### ■ Women's night out

The new Women's Ministry of Sharon Baptist Church in Weems will host Women's Night Out Friday, October 27, starting at 6 p.m. with registration and a fellowship dinner. All women are urged to come as they are dressed and bring their slippers, pillows, blankets and throws and be free to encourage each other through songs, testimonies, scripture and prayer.

Elder Faith Meade Brooks, co-pastor of the Faith Unity Fellowship Church in Warsaw, and minister Cynthia Foster of The Church of Abraham in Ordinary, will speak. There will be door prizes and other gifts for the women. To pre-register, call the church at 438-6659.

### ■ Family and friends day

Lebanon Worship Center will celebrate family and friends day November 13 at 4 p.m. Pastor Reginald Lee of Rivers of Life Christian Church in Hampton will be the guest. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### ■ Praise Dance

Beulah Baptist Church will host a praise dance ministry program in Lively October 29 at 3 p.m.

# Bible drill to begin

Children in first through third grades will learn the books of the Bible and Bible verses, with no competition. Children in grades four through six will learn and memorize the books of the Bible, Bible verses and key passages and participate in local, association and state Bible drill competitions.

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## *Supporting missions*

**The Big Dawgs Mens Ministry at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene recently held a Barbecue Chicken and Bluegrass Luncheon to support church missions worldwide. Last Sunday, the barbecue brotherhood presented a $4,000 check to missions pastor Jeff Jackson. The donation will be applied to the purchase of a huge tent to carry to remote sites. The tent would be used for fellowship, worship and shelter while mission teams build churches or other facilities. From left are (front row) minister of pastoral care Jim Grinnen, Tracy Fearing with daughter Kaela, Bill Andrulot, Jackson, Bobby Smith, David Johnson and Tom Rohacek; (next row) Shell Moffitt and Julie Jackson.**

# Tibitha announces homecoming activities

The Tibitha Church of God in Reedville, will celebrate Homecoming 2006, November 11 and 12.

The weekend event will begin with a gospel concert November 11 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature The Dills and Curtis Hyler and Jubilation. A free will offering will be received at the concert.

On November 12, the 11 a.m. Homecoming worship service will host Dr. Don Pickett as guest preacher.

The Rev. Pickett pastored at Tibitha Church of God from 1953 to 1966. He will preach the Homecoming sermon.

Following the worship, a lunch will be provided by the church for all those in attendance.

Tibitha Church of God is located on Fleeton Road in Reedville.

## *Church to host circus event*

New Hope Baptist Church on Walmsley Road in Lottsburg will host a "Big Top Circus Extravaganza" Sunday, October 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to dress as a circus performer, such as a clown, ring master, strong man, trapeze artist, or circus animal. There will be a parade for those appropriately dressed. No scary Halloween costumes, please.

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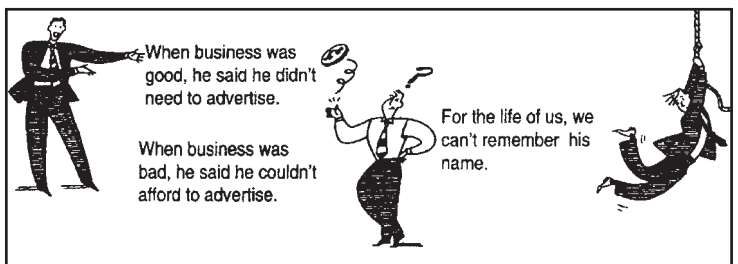


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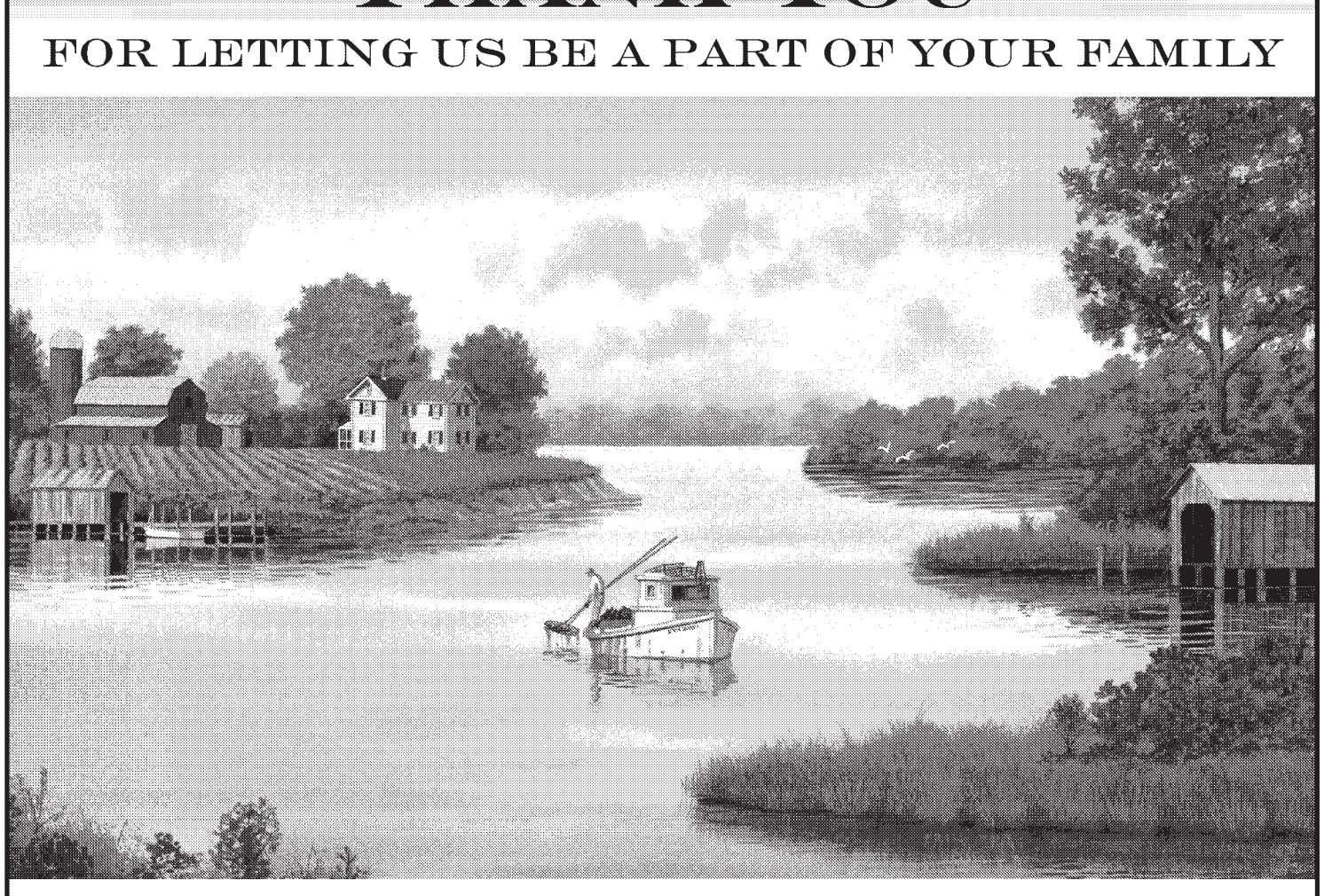

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# Steptoe's Walkabout to 'wrap it up' Nov. 3

Folks can "wrap it up" in the Steptoe's District November 3 because it will be the last Steptoe's Walkabout for 2006, and because the gift-giving is fast approaching.

There will be music, artists, performers, and complimentary refreshments throughout the revitalized district in downtown Kilmarnock. Start Christmas shopping early, and paint a bag to wrap up purchases. Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m.

After enjoying the festivities and shopping, consider lingering for a delicious meal. There are seven restaurants and two specialty food shops which patronize the Walkabout.

Trophy-winning crab soup can be enjoyed at the Town Bistro on Irvington Road. Chef Christal Jett concocted the dish which won first place at the 2006 Kilmarnock Crab Festival. The Bistro's menu changes about every two weeks. It always includes a beef, chicken, fish and pork selection along with a fine selection of wine.

From left are Kate Nessner, Christal Jett and Nancy Bennett at The Town Bistro.

Exotic foods with authentic atmosphere can be found on Main Street at The Thai Pot and Buenos Nachos. A more casual style of dining is offered at Smokin' Joe's Barbeque and The Alley Café Restaurant. The Blue Heron Grill and Pub has a new chef and menu, and the works of local artists hang on its walls. New to the Steptoe's District will be Swanks on Main Street. Look for it to be open soon in the former Rivah location.

Enjoy a complimentary tasting of gourmet delights and then carry out a delicious selection from the fresh food counter at Carried Away Cuisine. Kelsick Gardens Too has a wine tasting to celebrate each Steptoe's Walkabout event. They also have a freezer full of a variety of homemade dishes which make your meal preparation easy and tasty.

The variety of cuisine within walking distance of parking and shopping is a particularly attractive feature of the Steptoe's District.

# Birth center coordinator named

Shirley Dodson-McAdoo, RN has been named project coordinator for the Family Maternity Center for the Northern Neck Inc.

An agreement was reached September 1 between the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Virginia Area Heath Education Center that a coordinator be named. The Health Education Center will serve as project manager.

Dodson-McAdoo's appointment follows two years of study by local task forces and the Virginia Department of Health. Studies show that many rural regions in Virginia are experiencing an increase in fetal and infant deaths due, in part, to long travel times to obtain obstetric care and lack of insurance.

Shirley Dodson-McAdoo, RN

Since the closing of the obstetrics department at Rappahannock General Hospital, the Northern Neck has also been obstetrically under-served. Dodson-McAdoo credits former delegate Albert Pollard Jr. with bringing the problem in the Northern Neck to the attention of the VDH.

In March 2006, the General Assembly passed legislation for the VDH to address the question of under-served communities.

In May, the VDA task force published its estimate that 24 percent of women of childbearing age are uninsured, underinsured or enrolled in Medicaid.

Commenting on Dodson-McAdoo's appointment, Dr. James Hamilton of Kilmarnock, an obstetrician and gynecologist, and president of the Family Maternity Center of the Northern Neck, said, "We are very pleased to have Shirley on board. This is a very complex issue and needs someone who understands the area and the complexities. I feel that she has the ability to develop and direct operations for this project and the committee looks forward to working with her."

## *Salon cuts deal on ticket*

**The gang at Heads Up Hairworks bought a lottery ticket from the Lancaster Community Library. This year there are more chances to win and up to 10 people can share a ticket. Call 435-1729. From left are (front row) Rebecca Hurst, Eleanor Sanford, Linda Weber and Michelle Wagner; (next row) Chris Young, Cindy Van Landingham, Honey Simmons, Nancy Rogers and Ashley Gallicchio.**

## Business Briefs

### ■ Job Club

In partnership with the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) Workforce Center/Northern Neck One-Stop, the Warsaw Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) will host a Job Club. Topics will include job searching, motivation, job applications, and organization skills.

Meetings will be Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m., October 31 through November 21 at the VEC office at 14243 Historyland Highway in Warsaw. For more information, call the VEC at 333-3675, or DRS at 333-4386.

### ■ Low interest loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is available at the Northumberland County courthouse at 72 Monument Place Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice. The SBA can be reached at 580-7666.

### ■ Appointments

Gov. Tim Kaine last week appointed Craig Huling Giese of Lancaster County, a self-employed farmer and part-time certified public accountant, to the Virginia Soybean Board.

Kevin W. Engle of Hanover County, L. Bruce Holland of Accomack County and Ronnie L. Russell of Middlesex County were reappointed to the board.

### ■ EVB dividend

EVB president and Chief Executive Officer Joe A. Shearin last week announced that the board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of $0.16 per share of the corporation's common stock, payable November 15 to holders of record as of November 1.

### ■ Finfish committee

The Potomac River Finfish Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 2, in the John T. Parran Hearing Room at the Potomac River Fisheries Commission in Colonial Beach.

Items on the agenda will include developing recommendations for the 2007 seasons, size and creel limits for the recreational and commercial fisheries and the 2007 commercial gill net season, quota and tagging requirements.

### ■ Farmers' markets

The last two Deltaville Farmers' Markets will be held October 28 and November 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On October 28, Fred Dant of the International Guild of Knot Tyers will teach children how to make a cornucopia with a paper plate, jute and glue. The cost is $5 for materials.

### ■ Exhibit to open

The public is invited to the opening reception for an all–media juried exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 27, at Yates House Gallery in Deltaville.

Artists have been invited to enter this exhibit entitled, "Poetry, Perception and Expression," with their artistic interpretations of lines from the poems of Virginia poet laureate Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda. Jane Stouffer will judge. The exhibit will remain on display until November 18.

# *Restaurant welcomes new chef*

Conrad's Upper Deck Restaurant and Marina on Greenvale Creek near Lively has a new chef, Cedric Sanders.

Conrad's was recently acquired by Ron Edwards, who hired Sanders as one of his first moves. Sanders began as a line cook in Philadelphia and at Catering Inc. became a first cook. He also worked at the Tides Inn for about three years.

Conrad's is known for crab cakes and seafood platters. Sanders plans to add French and Asian cuisine trends he found in the Chesapeake Club dining room at the Tides Inn, where he says he learned a great deal.

However, he expects the seafood platters will remain Conrad's signature dish.

Edwards owned a rib and crab house in Stafford, "and knows how to make great ribs," Sanders said.

Sanders is also looking forward to using wine from local wineries, especially fresh white wines.

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# Byrum paintings featured in windows of Studio Gallery

Linda Byrum's paintings are featured in one of the Studio Gallery's windows on Main Street in Kilmarnock.

The artist is known for landscapes and portraits, but recently she has been kept busy doing commissioned portraits.

An active member of the Portrait Society of America, Byrum has enjoyed painting portraits since high school when she earned pocket money doing small likenesses of local folks in Edenton, N.C.

She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and taught art and art history at St. Mary's High School in Annapolis. At the same time, she gave private art lessons and taught adult education.

After spending 30 years in Annapolis and raising two daughters, Byrum and her husband moved to White Stone where she joined the Rappahannock Art League and concentrated on painting.

For many years, the Byrums were avid sailors, cruising southern waters for several months at a time. As a result, many of Byrum's paintings were scenes of Florida or the Bahamas or were seascapes done aboard ship.

The Byrums now spend part of the year at a home in Florida and the artist relishes the opportunity to "paint whatever interests me" as opposed to the more "controlling" commissioned portrait work where "I try my best to please a client." She has done as many as 11 portraits for one family.

Byrum plans to attend the Portrait Society of America's 2007 Conference next May. The world's most accomplished portraitists demonstrate their skills before the hundreds of attendees. Byrum considers this a wonderful opportunity for her to grow as an artist. Her philosophy is, "I must continue to evolve artistically. Painting is a large part of my life, and it keeps me working hard."

Her work has been exhibited in numerous shows and galleries in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, and she has won many awards. Her work is on display in the veranda at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club until the end of November. She plans to have her 12th one-woman show at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in 2008.

Byrum's work is regularly on display at the Studio Gallery. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## *Baker recognized*

**From left, Carroll Lee Ashburn of the Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce presents Steve Baker with a certificate as the September employee of the month. Baker works for Bay Transit as a weekend driver of the Kilmarnock trolley. He also received a gift certificate donated by Farm and Home Supply in Kilmarnock. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)**

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**Off stage for 'On Stage'**

**Bill Cronheim (left) and Allen Marple were among the key players off stage at the Piano4 "On Stage" concert last week. Cronheim, a member of the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts board of directors worked on lights and sound, while his business, Entertainment Systems Corporation, served as corporate sponsor for the first "On Stage" performance for the 2006-07 season. Marple, Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts president, welcomed the audience and season subscribers to the 13th "On Stage" season and the foundation's 20th year. (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)**

# Lewis receives certificate

Patricia Lewis was recently awarded a certificate of completion at the seventh offering of the Human Resource Management School presented by the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

The management school provides a foundation for new and veteran human resource professionals to combine important issues in human resource management with a bottom-line understanding of banking.

The program expands knowledge of the banking industry and human resource management to improve employee performance and establish a network of colleagues with whom to interact and exchange ideas.

The Graduate School of Banking is sponsored by the 18 state bankers associations of the Central States Conference of Bankers Associations, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. It was established in 1945 to provide bankers with advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership.

Lewis is Chesapeake Bank's director of human resources and has been with the bank for 30 years. She has held many positions including internal auditor, branch manager, assistant vice president and training officer. She has received various banking diplomas including the American Bankers Association's Banking and Finance Diploma.

**Patricia Lewis**

"We recognize that our institution is only as strong as the employees who comprise it," said bank president and chief executive officer Jeff Szyperski, "Pat Lewis's initiative to further develop her skills greatly assists us in our human resource function as we continue to grow."

Lewis serves on the Virginia Bankers Association's Human Resource and Bank Training Officer Committee, the Rappahannock Community College American Institute of Banking Planning Group, and the Richmond Chapter of American Society of Training Development.

She is a member of Lebanon Baptist Church and lives in Lively with her husband, Billy. They have two sons, Josh and Jeremy.

# Bank income falls

Union Bankshares Corporation recently reported net income for the three months ended September 30, 2006, of $6.5 million, down $355 thousand, or 5.2 percent, from $6.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005.

Earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2006, decreased $.05, or 6.4 percent, to $0.73 from $0.78 for the same period in 2005.

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## Service Note

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Cooper is the son of Warren C. Cooper of Fredericksburg and Susan J. Hall of Montross.

The private is a 2005 graduate of Courtland High School in Spotsylvania.

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**Dr. Carolyn C. W. Hines**

# Hines is Life Diplomat

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**Emergency response crews inspect a new State Police Mobile Command Center.** (Photo by Audrey Thomasson)

# Cooperative hosts emergency crews

Northern Neck Electric Cooperative hosted an Emergency Response Appreciation Meeting October 17. Local rescue squads, fire departments, county law enforcement departments and the Virginia State Police attended the meeting.

Following a banquet, president and chief executive officer Greg White presented each volunteer group with a donation and thanked them for risking their lives to help others. Vice-president Jim Moss conducted a safety presentation on the correct method for connecting generators to homes and the potential dangers if not properly installed.

Virginia State Police Special Agent Mike Slaw brought a new State Police Mobile Command Centers and demonstrated its capabilities and uses for emergency situations. The Hummer SUV is fully equipped with onboard navigation, five telephones, a satillite dish for wireless computers as well as the capability for onboard digital camera download and live video feeds.

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# Montessori school offers quiet educational alternative

by Reid Pierce Armstrong

Everything I knew about Montessori school I learned in kindergarten. That's when I attended a Montessori school in Arlington.

I have fond and very clear memories of my three years there.

I remember well the small carpets we rolled out on the floor to do our work. When we were done, we vacuumed the rugs with a sweeper and rolled them back up neatly, tapping the edges in as we went to keep them straight. I still use that skill every time I roll up my yoga mat.

I also learned how to put my jacket on by myself. The teachers placed them all out on the floor, open. We would stand upside down from the jacket, bend over, put our hands into the sleeves and flip them over our head. Voila! Jacket on. It was a liberating thing for a four year old.

I learned my multiplication tables using beads that we placed end to end. The longest beads - the thousands chain- spread out on a felt mat that stretched the length of the classroom.

Kilmarnock Montessori School teaches children practical life skills as well as academics. Haley Smith improves her coordination and fine motor skills with this tonging activity.

I learned to write cursive, to speak French and to name the planets in our solar system.

When we celebrated birthdays, we would all sit Indian-style around "the ellipse." The teacher would darken the room and light a candle in the middle of the circle, and while the birthday kid walked around the circle once for each year of their life, the teacher read his life story. That was always my favorite thing.

So, I must admit that I was already biased when I walked into a classroom in the parish hall of Kilmarnock Methodist Church to visit the area's newest school: Kilmarnock Montessori School, a campus of the Gloucester Montessori School.

I soon realized however, that although I attended Montessori school I didn't know much about the philosophy or the program as a whole.

As I approached the classroom at the end of the hall, I was surprised by how quiet it was, considering six preschoolers were at play on the other side of that open door.

Around the room, each child was quietly working on an activity of their own choosing.

I found a seat in one of the pint-sized chairs and went about trying to make myself invisible.

Little bookshelves lined the room, each neatly and simply filled with "work" for the children. Nothing was packed away in boxes or closets. Nothing was cluttered. Each project was laid out ready to use within reach of the children. A pink tower of blocks, fabric swatches for folding, glass pitchers and jars filled with orange-colored water, a wicker basket filled with markers, neat stacks of paper, a huge bowl of dried peas; each activity gleamed with tactile and visual appeal.

Through their "work" with these activities, Montessori children learn zoology, biology, handwriting, language, reading, arithmetic, multiplication, geometry as well as how to tie their shoes, wash a dish, polish silver and sweep the floor.

Teacher Suzanne Moughon was sitting on the floor speaking softly to Parker Smith, who was working on number blocks laid out on a small carpet. The blocks were wood, painted blue and red. Parker had lined them up in order of size on the floor and Moughon was holding his hand while they counted together the stripes on each block.

"A lot of children this age can count, but they don't understand what each number actually represents," Moughon explained later. The blocks were teaching Parker concrete numbers.

Elsewhere on the floor Chloe Fridley was working on a mat of her own, spreading out colorful photograph cards of animals and then matching them up with corresponding animal figurines. The exercise was helping her with visual discrimination and, ultimately, it will help her learn to read.

Across the room, I was somewhat alarmed to watch three-year-old Peyton Smith carrying a heavy glass tray topped with several glass pitchers, one filled to the brim with water. The glass was rattling and the water was sloshing a little as Peyton moved precariously across the room. He made it, set the tray down, and began to practice pouring water from one container to the next. The exercise was helping him develop his fine motor skills and balance.

Maria Montessori believed in a beautiful classroom and to this day Montessori classrooms are outfitted with real materials like wood, glass and silver.

In a world of sippy cups and microwavable bowls, working with fragile materials teaches children that, if they are not careful, things can break. If glass breaks, and it sometimes does, the teacher cleans it up. And then the school won't replace it right away so the children have time to miss it.

"In real life, things break and things spill," Moughon said. "We tell the kids that these materials are special and that we can't just go to Wal-Mart to replace them. It teaches them to be careful."

So far, nothing has broken at the Kilmarnock Montessori School this year.

But, while I was there, one kid spilled a container of popcorn kernels on the floor. He promptly retrieved a dustpan and broom and swept up the mess. Likewise, when water is spilled, the children learn how to wipe it up with a sponge.

The daily living area contains the first activities introduced to the children with lessons in pouring, scooping and sweeping. These skills come in handy around the classroom.

When the children are hungry, they help themselves to their own snack. They wait until there is an empty space at the snack table, pour their own juice and serve their own food from the bowl and then they clean up when they are finished.

Not all the activity is individualized. Each day the group spends time sitting around the "ellipse," which is taped to the floor. Moughon uses the time to introduce new lessons or read a book. This week, for instance, she is teaching about the edible parts of the plant and the children all have a chance to taste edible leaves, fruits, seeds, stems and roots.

But the morning gathering is not mandatory.

"Dr. Montessori believed that children should be allowed to make choices within boundaries," Moughon said. The classroom is filled with interesting choices.

Maria Montessori also believed that preschool-aged children are especially sensitive to noise and that, at that age, quiet is important in the classroom.

"This is a time in their lives when they appreciate silence," Moughon said. "It allows them to concentrate."

To this end, Moughon gives all her instruction in a very soft voice while working one-on-one with children. If a child across the room misbehaves, Moughon doesn't call out for the child to sit down. She gets up, walks across the small classroom, squats down and explains to the misbehaving child that whatever she is doing is "not a choice." There are many choices, that is just not one of them. And, then Moughon helps redirect the child's attention to her activity before returning to the floor to continue helping the first child.

Some parents fear that their own children are not focused or self-disciplined enough for individual learning, said Pat Landau who directs both the Gloucester Montessori School and its Kilmarnock campus.

These parents don't truly understand Montessori education, she said. It is very rare for a child to not thrive in Montessori school.

As Moughon explained, the beautiful materials in the classroom appeal to the children.

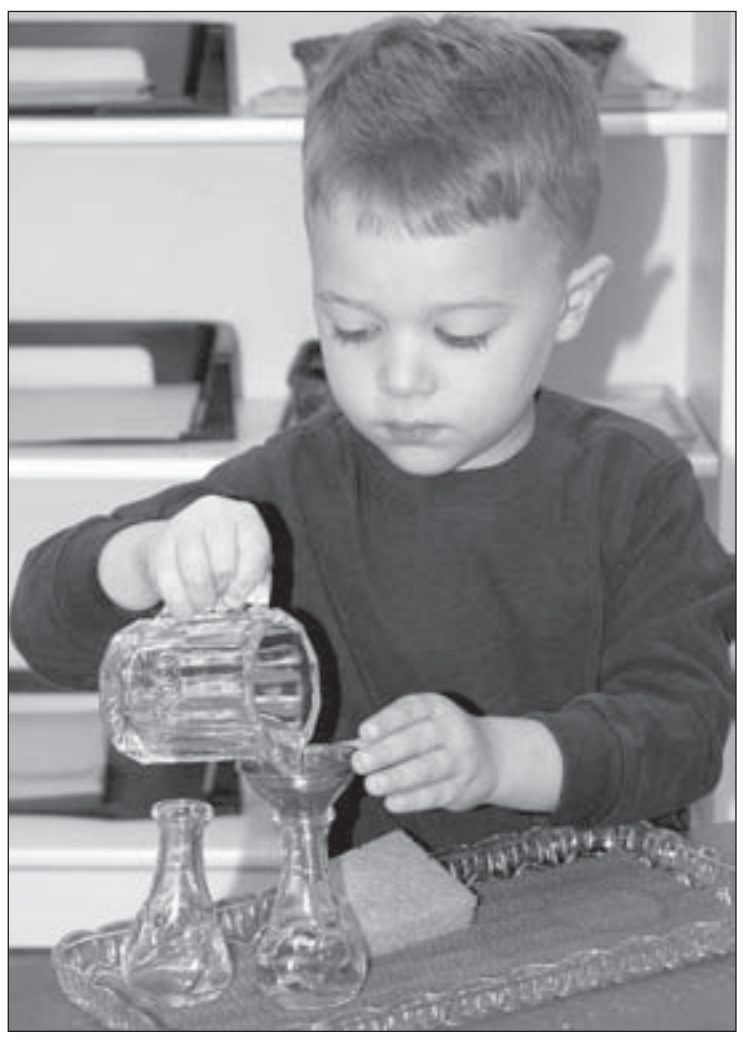
"There are so many interesting things I can introduce to keep them busy," Moughon said. "Not everyone gets a lesson at the same time. Sometimes they are not developmentally ready. Sometimes they have to master another skill first. They have to show self control to not use a material that they have not had a lesson in.

"They want to progress," she said.

The Kilmarnock Montessori School is in its first year and is currently enrolling students between the ages of two-and-a-half and four. A kindergarten class will be added to the curriculum next fall.

To enroll in the half-day or extended-day program at Kilmarnock Montessori School, visit www.gloucestermontessori.org.

Chas Faulkner polishes a silver cup. "It is a beautiful thing to take something that was tarnished and make it shine," said his teacher Suzanne Moughon.



Peyton Smith practices his pouring, a skill he will put to practical use later in the day when he makes his own snack and pours his own juice.

Drawing part of the bird teaches Chloe Fridley about biology and handwriting.

## High school playwriting competition announced

The School for the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community (SPARC) recently announced the 18th annual competition for New Voices for the Theater, the nationally acclaimed high school playwriting program that celebrates and cultivates young talents from across Virginia.

The New Voices Playwriting Competition provides an opportunity for students to work with professional theater artists to bring their words to life on the stage. Original plays written by Virginia students in grades 9 through 12 are accepted through February 1. Submitted plays must be no more than 20 minutes in length. All plays submitted are read and critiqued by theater professionals throughout the Commonwealth and written evaluations are sent to each student.

Winning playwrights will be invited to attend a three-week residency in Richmond June 24 to July 15 to work with professional playwrights and other theater artists to bring their new plays to life on the stage. New Voices will culminate with the winning writers' works being performed publicly as staged readings at the 18th annual Festival of New Works at the Firehouse Theater in Richmond.

The New Voices is the only program of its kind in Virginia and boasts alumni of writers working nationally. Winners will be announced by April 15.

New Voices for the Theater is a program of the SPARC. Major sponsorship is from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

For competition guidelines and information on how to submit a play, visit www.newvoicesva.org, or call SPARC at 788-6450.

Queen Brittney Green and king Trevor Henderson reigned over the 2006 homecoming celebration at Lancaster High School last Friday. The two were crowned during a halftime show that included a performance by the LHS marching band and the introduction of the entire court of royalty from the freshman through senior classes. (Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi)

## *Lancaster High crowns homecoming royalty*

Seniors Trevor Henderson and Brittney Green reigned over the homecoming celebration at Lancaster High School Friday night as the 2006 king and queen.

Henderson was crowned king and Green as queen during halftime of Lancaster's 41-6 varsity football win over Rappahannock.

They led a court of eight senior attendents that included duchess Autumn Ainsworth and princesses Rayna Randle and Sheneak Ball, prince Michael Saunders and dukes Miles Smith and Devin Brown.

Royalty in the junior class included princess Ashley Landers, duchess Courtney Palmer, prince Travis Baker and duke Ross Merrick.

In the sophomore class, Katie O'Brien was the princess, Brittany Levere the duchess, Detric Smith the prince and Jameson Crandall the duke.

Representing the freshmen were princess Cinnamon Lee, duchess Shanise Jones, prince Kentel Noel and duke Dillon Williams.

A parade from Lancaster courthouse to the high school included the homecoming court, the LHS Marching Red Devil Band, the school's JROTC color guard, various club and class floats, the Lancaster Middle School cheerleaders, the Dancing Divas and local fire and rescue units.

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# Chesapeake holds grandparents day

Chesapeake Academy held its annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day October 20 with a record 250 grandparents, great-grandparents, and friends attending.

Following a reception in the gymnasium, hosted by parent volunteers led by co-chairmen Gwen Dozier and Lisa Major, the guests attended a presentation about the academy led by head-of-school Seth Ahlborn which included a slideshow with pictures of current students.

The guests were then escorted to classrooms where teachers and students entertained them with presentations, readings and samples of their studies.

An assembly was held in honor of the guests. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Lauren James and Mariana Mangano sang the Star-Spangled Banner, a cappella. Mural presentations guided by art teacher Nancy O'Shaughnessy were displayed by grades five to eight.

Music director Beth Somers then led the youngest students in a preformance of "Scarves," a Cossack dance from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." The first through third grades sang "Gloria" by Jacques Bethier. Grades four and five sang "I'm a Menace" to the tune of "Frere Jacques." Grades six to eight sang "I Will Follow" by Mary Donnelly and George Strid.

Pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students perform "Scarves," a Cossack dance, on Grandparents Day at Chesapeake Academy.

The Academy's Tone Chimes Choir preformed "Winner's March." A legacy slideshow presentation, created by the eighth grade under the leadership of Linda Hunter and Claudia Soucek, was shown with Kasey Ashburn on harp.

During the assembly, recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Major of Locust Hill, for having the most grandchildren enrolled. They are Andrew and Austen-Taylor Dozier and Brian and Olivia Major.

# Class representatives elected

Chesapeake Academy recently held its annual election for class representatives to Student Council.

Those elected are president Ford Kirkmyer, vice president Austin Brown, secretary Alexis English and treasurer Kasey Ashburn.

The representatives are Madison Scott, fifth grade; Dustin Crenshaw, sixth grade; Teddy Szyperski, seventh grade; and Charles Mangano, eighth grade. Math teacher Phil Williams is the faculty advisor.

Student Council officers and class representatives present student issues to the faculty, plan and implement school social events and represent the school in the community.

The Student Council sponsors Tag Days (non-uniform days once a month), middle school dances, concessions at athletic events and a field day for lower school students in spring. Proceeds from the events are collected by council members and used to purchase a gift for the school, to fund rain forest protection in South America and to support local charities.

From left, Chesapeake Academy Student Council members include, (front row) Alexis English, Charles Mangano, Teddy Szyperski, Madison Scott and Kasey Ashburn; (next row) faculty advisor Phil Williams, Austin Brown, Ford Kirkmyer and Dustin Crenshaw.

# Award-winning posters depict farmers as heroes

The impact Virginia farmers have on everyday life was illustrated by winners of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's youth poster contest.

Winners will be recognized November 28 at the 2006 VFBF Annual Convention in Hot Springs for creating posters that best support the theme "Farmers Are Heroes Because..."

County Farm Bureau women's committees sponsored the contest on the local level. The junior division involved children ages 4 to 6, and the senior division covered ages 7 to 10.

The Eastern District winner was senior contestant Patricia Davie of Lancaster County.

With 148,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBF is Virginia's largest farm organization.

# Band citrus sale begins

The Lancaster High School Red Devil Band is selling fresh Florida Indian River Citrus to raise money for its spring trip and competition. The band will travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to compete in the Fiesta Val Invitational Music Festival in April.

Citrus choices this year include fresh naval oranges, juicy red grapefruit, Florida tangelos, and a mixed box of naval oranges and red grapefruit. All items are sold in small (2/5 bushel) or large (4/5 bushel) sizes.

To purchase fruit, those who know a band student may contact them, or one may phone their order into the LHS Band Room at 462-0697. Orders will be taken until October 30. The fruit is scheduled to arrive in November, during Thanksgiving week.

"This fruit from the Florida Indian River Groves is fantastic," says band director Robbie Spiers. "We sold quite a bit last year, and it received rave reviews from customers. I hope that persons who bought from graduating seniors or students who are no longer in the band will call and let us serve them again."


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### *A Silver Celebration*

**Elvis made an appearance for the first time at the 25th annual Callao Fireman's Festival and Parade.**

**The children of Northern Neck Baptist Church got patriotic on their float.** (Photos by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

**A privately owned truck from Grangeville, Pa., claims to be a member of the "Goodwill" Fire Department.**

### *On deck for the cure*

**Bob Wayland of White Stone (right) and some 35 other passengers and crew of the MS Maasdam, participated in a 5k walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation during the ship's recent cruise from Montreal to Norfolk. Holland America Lines is inviting guests "On Deck for the Cure" on each of its cruises.**

# Garden Club visits bulb shop

**Brent and Becky Heath**

Brent and Becky Heath, owners of "Brent and Becky's Bulbs" in Gloucester, welcomed Kilmarnock Garden Club members to their bulb shop and gardens October 17 for a lecture and workshop.

The family bulb business began years ago when his grandfather saw the opportunity of shipping daffodil blooms by steamship to Baltimore and New York. It has evolved into an international company with Brent Heath spending six weeks each year at their bulb farm in Holland overseeing the growing and propagating of over 3,500 varieties of bulbs.

After a lecture and slide show of beautiful flowering bulbs, each member received a pot, composted soil and five different varieties of bulbs. Brent Heath demonstrated layering the bulbs and soil in order to receive the greatest benefit of blooms next spring.

He ended with a plea to all who garden to do so in a more earth-friendly way by using more organic matter and less detrimental fertilizers. It's obvious that he truly loves what he's doing, "having such a positive occupation that helps people smile by creating beautiful gardens and therefore a happier life. Plant bulbs and harvest smiles!" All members left with smiles in anticipation of a lovely living arrangement of flowers next spring.

The November 14 meeting will feature Master Gardener Susan Tipton presenting a program about the Reedville Shoreline Teaching Garden. The artistic design is titled "Festival of Trays, a Holiday Theme" which can be referenced on page 150 of The Handbook for Flower Shows. For more information about the program or the Kilmarnock Garden Club, call Barbara Ohansesian at 462-7325.

# Freelance writer addresses club

**Barbara Shine**

The Woman's Club of Lancaster met October 11. After the business meeting, the members were treated to a program and lunch.

The program was presented by Barbara Shine, a freelance writer, writing workshop leader and public speaker who came to the Northern Neck from Washington, D.C., about three years ago. When she is not writing and submitting her own personal essays, Shine leads workshops to help both new and more experienced writers sharpen their skills and enhance their creativity; she edits nonfiction books for other authors; and she volunteers with organizations such as The Haven Shelter and Services and Friends of the Northumberland Library.

# Halloween driving dangers cited

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles reminds drivers that children can easily become distracted by the excitement of Halloween night and dart into traffic or roadways while trick-or-treating.

Halloween is one of the most dangerous times of the year for pedestrian safety.

DMV urges drivers to watch for children between parked cars and walking on roadways, medians and curbs. Drivers should enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. At twilight and later in the evening, they should watch for children in dark clothing.

Parents are urged to review trick-or-treat safety precautions with children, especially pedestrian and traffic rules, and that walking carefully is safer than running. Children should always walk facing traffic.

Drivers are reminded that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested. Halloween is a particularly deadly night due to drinking and driving. Nearly half of all traffic fatalities on Halloween last year involved a drunk driver.

If attending a Halloween party where alcohol consumption is likely, always:

• Designate a sober driver before going out and give that person the keys.

• Call a cab or call a friend, but never get on the road impaired.

• Make sure other guests leave only with a sober driver.

• Always buckle up. It's your best defense against an impaired driver.

# SAR hears of patriot grave

**Mike Lyman**

Mike Lyman described a project to establish a computerized database identifying Revolutionary War veteran and patriot graves in Virginia at the October 16 meeting of the Richard Henry Chapter Sons of the American Revolution at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

The project concerns graves which are not listed on the report published by the Virginia Legislature in 2001. That report contains 2,217 veteran burials. The SAR Virginia Society's goal is to add to this and to eventually find them all. Their supplemental list now totals 585, including 400 veterans and 185 service supporters, for a total of 2,802.

Each site requires extensive research and a file folder is maintained on each soldier. Source material, detailed directions and photographs from the folders are made available to SAR chapters and to others upon request.

The material can be used for genealogical research, to prepare grave registration forms and for use in grave-marking ceremonies. The supplemental listing of 585 names and the 2,217 data sets are posted at www.sar.org/vassar/revwargraves.htm

Those knowing of a Revolutionary War grave that is not listed at the website are urged to report the information to Lyman at 436-0206, or e-mail melyman@crosslink.net.

### *Kiwanis Club installs officers*

**The Kiwanis Club recently held a picnic to install new officers. From left are (front row) members Chris Christensen, Ray Winkel, Lewis Conway, Gov. Joe Stankus, Karen Knull, Norman Scott and Curt Dozier; (next row) Karin Lamb, Jim Evans and Bill Knull.**

# Halloween can be a scary time for teeth

The American Association of Orthodontics (AAO) and Dr. Beth Faber offers these tips to keep teeth safe from decay, and protect braces during the Halloween season.

Don't get into a sticky situation with braces…avoid sticky or chewy candy and snacks. These include hard candy or chewy candies, caramel, licorice, taffy, bubblegum (even sugarless kind) and jelly beans. Also steer away from nuts, taco chips, and popcorn (especially unpopped kernels).

"If it's sticky, chewy, hard or crunchy, it's a food that anyone wearing braces or retainers should avoid," said Dr. Faber, a local orthodontist. "Eating the wrong kinds of food can harm your braces and possibly set back your treatment."

Good alternatives for people with braces include soft chocolates, peanut butter cups, or other melt in the mouth varieties. The AAO offers braces-friendly recipes at www.braces.org.

Regular brushing and flossing are more important than ever during the Halloween season, when teeth may receive more exposure to sugary foods that can cause cavities. People with braces should be especially conscientious about brushing and flossing often.

October is national Orthodontic Health Month, when the AAO works to educate the public about protecting their teeth during Halloween and informs people of the benefits of orthodontic treatment.


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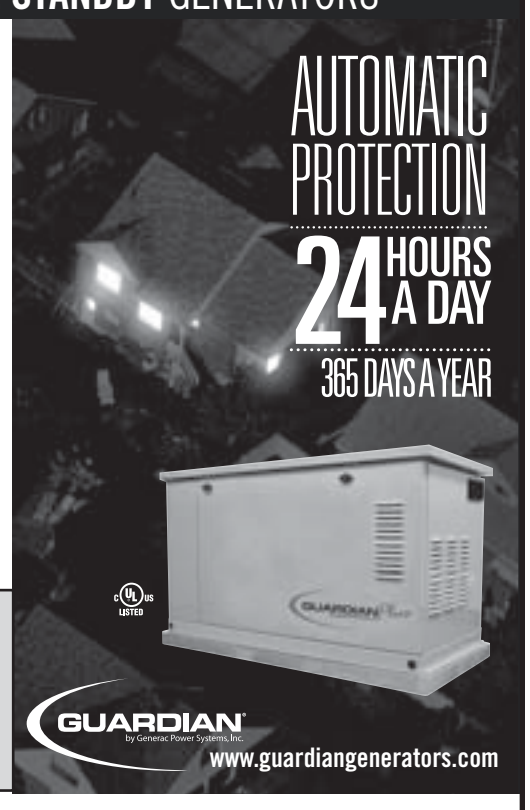


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# VMRC to meet

NEWPORT NEWS—The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) will convene at 9:30 a.m. at VMRC Headquarters at 2600 Washington Avenue in Newport News.

The commission generally addresses habitat permits during the morning and fisheries related items at noon.

On the contested docket, the commission will consider proposed shoreline improvements as requested by William Rowe at his property at the mouth of Presley Creek and along the Potomac River in Northumberland County. The project is protested by numerous residents of Presley Creek.

Rowe is seeking authorization to install a series of headland breakwaters which will include a 50-foot riprap spur; two, 120-foot-long trapezoidal spur/breakwaters; a 170-foot-long trapezoidal breakwater; a 140-foot-long trapezoidal breakwater; with beach nourishment and a 160-foot-long by 5-foot-wide private pier with a 200-square-foot L-head and two mooring piles.

On the uncontested docket, Glenn P. Beane seeks authorization for a project along four lots on the Rappahannock River at the end of Belmont Creek Road in Lancaster County.

As proposed, the project would involve the construction of three, 150-foot-long by 20-foot-wide (base wideth) quarry stone breakwaters spaced 112 feet apart and at a mximim of 120 feet channelward of mean water. He plans to nourish behind the structures with 5,240 cubic yards of sandy bank material.

Staff recommends approval of the project with the requirement of a turbidity curtain around the work area during bank grading and breakwater construction, and the submittal of a detailed beach vegetation-planting schedule and monitoring plan in the nourished area. Staff also recommends a royalty of $1,768.50 for the placement of beach-quality sand over 35,370 square feet of state-owned subaqueous bottom at a rate of $.05 per square foot.

Among fisheries items, a public hearing will be held on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission requirements to revise the Winter II commercial possession limit for scup.

Reports are also expected from the crab management advisory committee and the striped bass special committee.

**Piano4: 40 fingers, 4 Steinways**

**Marja Kaisla of Piano4 introduces the next selection from a range of works the quartet performed last Saturday at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The quartet opened the 2006-07 "On Stage" season sponsored by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts. The other artists from left are Norma Meyer, Randall Hartman and Piano4 creator John Kozar.** (Photo by Robert Mason Jr.)

# Interest builds for National Heritage Area designation

STRATFORD HALL—A good part of the economic future of the Northern Neck may be in heritage tourism and the preservation of historical landmarks. That was the featured topic at the Northern Neck Planning District Commission's quarterly meeting October 16 at Stratford Hall.

Members of the board of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission were joined by Stratford Hall Foundation trustees and executive director Paul Reber and a number of guests interested in seeing that the Northern Neck earns National Heritage Area designation from the U.S. Congress. Among the guests were the Honorable W. Tayloe Murphy Jr., Virginia Tourism Corporation president and chief executive officer Alisa L. Bailey and Menokin Foundation executive director Sarah Pope.

"With the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, there is no more fitting time for the Northern Neck to be designated a National Heritage Area," said Murphy.

Although a National Heritage Area is designated by an act of Congress through a National Park Service program, management and oversight remain with the local governments, so there is no danger of federal regulations being imposed on local land use from outside, he added.

There are 27 National Heritage Areas in the United States. Designation would mean a great opportunity for federal funding for local residents to manage and develop the region's historical and natural assets in a way that best suits local interests, as defined by the various comprehensive plans adopted by counties and towns.

The National Park Service defines a national heritage area as a place designated by Congress "where natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinct landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. These patterns make National Heritage Areas representative of the national experience through the physical features that remain and the traditions that have evolved in them. Continued use of National Heritage Areas by people whose traditions helped to shape the landscapes enhances their significance."

Bailey indicated that Gov. Tim Kaine has proposed the conservation of 400,000 acres of Virginia's natural assets in the next four years. History and heritage are on the side of Virginia's tourism industry and her office makes it a point to let everyone know that "marketing is the lifeblood of tourism," she said.

Pope added that with the Northern Neck Farm Museum, Christ Church, James Monroe and George Washington birthplaces, Stratford Hall, Hughlett Tavern, and several other points of historical significance in the Northern Neck, this region is a natural setting for historical landmark preservation.

Northern Neck Planning District Commission executive director Jerry W. Davis indicated that Rep. Jo Ann Davis recently expressed her renewed commitment to help the Northern Neck region achieve National Heritage Area designation.

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A Farnham woman, 41, was charged October 10 on a summons with writing a bad check to a Callao area business.

A Heathsville man and a Reedville man were each charged October 11 on summons with having no rabies vaccination on their dog and having no county dog tags.

A male Heathsville juvenile, 16, was charged October 13 with a probation violation.

A Callao man was charged October 15 with appearing in public in an intoxicated condition.

A Heathsville man, 24, was charged October 16 on Lancaster County warrants with failure to appear in the General District Court and writing a bad check in the amount of $10 to a Kilmarnock area business.

Four Callao males, all identified as John Does, were charged October 19 with counts of identity theft. Two were charged with one count each, one was charged with two counts, and one was charged with three counts.

A Hague man, 22, was charged October 19 with failure to appear in the General District Court.

A Heathsville man, 35, was charged October 22 with assault and battery of a family or household member.

A Hague woman, 36, was charged October 22 with writing a bad check in the amount of $30.32 to a Callao area business.

## Lancaster County Crime Solvers

Lancaster County Crime Solvers is seeking information about a stolen power washer and a radio system.

On October 18, while the owners were out of town for the day, a person or persons entered their property on Bagpipe Lane in Weems and stole a power washer that was stored under their deck. The theft was valued at $600.

On August 19, the owner of a residence in the 2400 block of White Chapel Road in Lively parked a 1996 Honda Civic in the field next to his home and placed it for sale. On October 12, he reported to Lancaster County Sheriff's Office that the radio system had been stolen from the car. Stolen were Kenwood Amps, MX speakers, and a CD radio. The estimated value of the theft is $1,300.

Report information about the stolen power washer or the radio system to Lancaster Crime Solvers at 462-7463. Callers are not recorded, do not have to give their names and will not be asked to appear in court.

Crime Solvers will pay cash rewards up to $1,000 for information that is of value to law enforcement.

Crime Solvers has rewards for callers 1040, 1031, 1025, 1019 and 1018.

## ▼ Candidates respond to questions . . . .

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of the bank's cash management services, analysis of corporate account profitability and the bank's collected funds position. He also headed United Virginia's customer service function for corporate and personal accounts. He was responsible for the development and installation of an automated processing program for the tax collections of Henrico County. Prior to joining United Virginia, he worked at First and Merchants National Bank as a manager in the bank card division.

Jenkins began his education in the Lancaster public school system and graduated from Christchurch School. He attended the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds a Certificate in Project Management from the University of Richmond's Continuing Education Program and is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers Association School of Bank Management.

### Questions and Answers

*How are you qualified for the position of Treasurer?*

**Grigsby:** I am qualified not only from my background of public service in Lancaster County, but my career which has included finance and business experience. I have experience in the dispersing and collection of funds, both, which are important for this position. My financial experience has entailed the safeguarding of customer finances and confidential information. I hold myself to the highest standards and integrity where public trust and confidence are concerned.

**Haynie:** I am currently the accounts administrator for Lancaster County. I work with the treasurer's office on a regular basis. I also work with the school board office and Social Services for specific groups of expenditures. For the last eight years, I have been using the same computer software system that is in place in the treasurer's office and feel that this experience will be very valuable in the transition period. Previously, I was the senior account clerk for a school district in New York State. I worked with multiple funds and tax collections.

In any position I have held, customer service has always been a top priority. I will be sure to have an open door policy for the taxpayers to address issues of concern. I will remain open to suggestions for ways to improve customer service.

**Jenkins:** My 13 years on the board of supervisors provide me with detailed knowledge of the county budget, revenue sources and funding requirements of the functions and services of our local government. I served as chairman of the finance committee which evaluated and selected the county's automated financial system and have a sound understanding of that system's operations, capabilities and complexities.

Prior to returning to Lancaster, I spent several years in the banking industry. Ten of those years, I was vice president for banking services with United Virginia Bank, at the time, Virginia's largest financial institution. My responsibilities included management of the bank's cash management services, electronic funds transfers, and analysis of account profitability and the bank's collected funds position. I also managed customer services for both personal and commercial accounts. I was responsible for developing and managing an automated processing program for the tax collections of Henrico County.

I have a proven record as a principled and effective steward of taxpayer's funds. My understanding of the interdependent responsibilities of the county, constitutional offices, our schools, and state agencies coupled with my cash management experience provide me abilities to serve taxpayers as we meet Lancaster's future financial challenges.

*What aspects of the Lancaster treasury department operations would you give passing grades and what could use improvement? What changes would you make?*

**Grigsby:** The Lancaster treasury department has top-notch employees with a total 50 years experience to their credit. They handle the work efficiently and are very knowledgeable. I would like to see improvements in design of office space and I would also like to look into the possibility of computerizing some repetitive daily tasks.

**Haynie:** As the accounts administrator, I am frequently in the treasurer's office. The employees are always polite and helpful to the public. I have asked that they all remain for uninterrupted quality of service. They are professional with their co-workers and I have observed them to be efficient in their daily activities.

Technologies are constantly changing. Several areas that I will look into are allowing taxpayers to pay their bills by credit card and on-line payment, and electronic payment of county bills to vendors. This can be done using the current software. If the school board decides to change their software system to the Bright system that the county uses, I will lend my experience to the finance department to help the transition go smoothly.

**Jenkins:** As a supervisor who has reviewed 12 annual audit reports, I know the treasurer's office has a long record of sound accounting practices. It has one of the best delinquent tax collection rates in the Commonwealth. These achievements speak highly of previous treasurers, as well as, the staff members who work and have worked in the office. My approach would be to build improvements upon that sound base.

To improve taxpayer service at the window and over the phone, I would expand under appropriate management controls the staff's decision making authority in resolving taxpayer concerns. I would also encourage email taxpayer correspondence where appropriate to answer questions and resolve problems.

To improve overall county financial management, I would establish a cash flow analysis program to better track the timing of funding needs. This analysis would provide valuable information to the annual budget planning process. When linked with controlled disbursement techniques, this ongoing analysis would allow for better control over annual borrowing needs as well as providing the ability to anticipate investment opportunities for surplus funds.

As a further taxpayer convenience, I would expand alternative methods for citizens to make tax or fee payments and receive information from the treasurer's office.

*What is your position on allowing residents to pay their property taxes with a credit card?*

**Grigsby:** I am aware that a credit card payment option was tried previously and did not work well. However, credit card services have improved since that time. If the citizens of Lancaster County are interested in having the ability to pay their property taxes with a credit card, I am more than willing to investigate this arrangement. I think it is important to give our taxpayers as many options as possible to handle their payment needs.

**Haynie:** Residents should be allowed to pay their tax bills with a credit card and I will be contacting the bank if I am elected. As I have stated, I will make the office as taxpayer friendly as possible and this is one of several ways to accomplish this.

**Jenkins:** Acceptance of credit card payments and those made by debit card are basically the identical transactions from the county's standpoint. Under the provisions of section 2.2-614.1 of the Code of the Commonwealth, I believe the treasure's office should accept this method of payment.

Serious problems with a third party "card payment" processor resulted in the treasurer's office abandoning an earlier card acceptance program. Before becoming involved with bank cash management, I spent approximately five years in management with Bank Card Operations for the then largest credit card issuer in Virginia. That experience will allow me to avoid the degree of difficulties encountered with the earlier attempt.

Card acceptance is only one of the more convenient methods of payment the treasurer's office should explore. I would work to establish an online payments system. I think the option of automatic bank account deductions should be offered for tax payments with the ability to spread deductions for taxes due over several months to ease the tax "bite" that now hits some households.

Dog owners taking their best friends to the veterinarian for a rabies vaccination or a regular check up should be able to purchase dog licenses there at the same time.

## ▼ Superintendent . . . .

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manual titled Superintendent Search Procedures which seemed to cover in detail everything possible related to the subject.

Patterson stated that the most important thing the association does is reference checks accomplished through calling superintendent associations, former university professors and administrators, and folks in the prospective candidate's local community.

"There are questions we can ask that, by law, you are forbidden from asking in the interview stage," she continued.

Barham noted that the association can make sure that the people the division hires "are more like those in your community."

He spoke of helping the division avoid superintendent candidates who had been convicted of shoplifting, spousal abuse, or had financial or bankruptcy problems.

He observed that what is "morally acceptable" in a candidate in the Northern Neck is not the same as what might be acceptable in Northern Virginia and that what is tolerated up north "would blow your minds."

Barham advised the board to cap reimbursable moving expenses, decide if a prospective candidate had to live in the county or not, and offered a timeline for advertising the position, interviewing, negotiating the contract, and hiring.

Confidentiality was stressed over and over in the remarks of the two association officers.

Public input into the search is critical, the pair stressed. Encouraging the public to fill out surveys of what they want and expect in a superintendent is vital, as well as the school board scheduling a public meeting where those subjects are the only items on the agenda.

Barham discussed sample survey questions for the local community to answer, application forms for the position, strategies for interview questions, how to structure a contract for the division's protection and when amendments are necessary, suggested evaluation instruments to judge a superintendent's success or failure, and referred to applicable research on virtually every aspect of hiring a school division superintendent— all contained in the VSBA how-to manual.

The duo touted the fail-safe position they offer a school board. When the board decides on a candidate and drafts a contract, Barham said to send it to them to check it over with the VSBA staff attorney.

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